

MARKETS and FINANCE

Saturday, Feb. 1.—The market was rather poor this morning owing to the heavy drifting of the snow in the country, which prevented most farmers from coming in. In some places it was reported the drifts were between five and ten feet deep. The prices in the market were steady and the supply equalled the small demand easily. Hides are in a slump. Grain is unchanged.

Poultry and Dairy Produce.

Butter, per lb.	0.29 to 0.33
Eggs, per dozen	0.20 to 0.40
Chickens, pair	0.15 to 0.20
Turkeys, pair	0.15 to 0.17
Ducks, per pair	0.20 to 0.25
Geese, each	0.30 to 1.50

Fruits.

Pears, baskets	0.20 to 0.25
Apples, bushel	0.20 to 0.40

Vegetables.

Carrots, bunch	0.05 to 0.10
Celery, per dozen	0.40 to 0.60
Onions, bag	0.20 to 0.30
Turnips, white, basket	0.20 to 0.30
Cabbage, dozen	0.20 to 0.30
Cauliflowers, each	0.20 to 0.30
Beets, basket	0.20 to 0.30
Carrots, basket	0.20 to 0.30
Onions, large, basket	0.20 to 0.30
Citrus, each	0.20 to 0.30
Squash, each	0.10 to 0.20

Meats.

Beef, No. 1, cwt.	7.00 to 8.00
Beef, No. 2, cwt.	6.50 to 7.50
Live hogs, per cwt.	3.50 to 4.00
Pork, per cwt.	7.00 to 8.00
Veal, per cwt.	7.00 to 8.00
Mutton, per cwt.	7.00 to 8.00
Lamb, per cwt.	7.00 to 8.00

Fish.

Salmon trout, lb.	12.50 to 0.30
Smoked salmon, lb.	0.15 to 0.20
Lake Ontario herring, dozen	0.75 to 0.85
White fish, per lb.	12.50 to 0.30
Clasico, dozen	0.50 to 0.75
Pickled, lb.	0.08 to 0.10

The Rice Market.

Wool, pound, washed	0.24 to 0.30
Wool, pound, unwashed	0.14 to 0.20
Wool, per lb.	0.40 to 0.50
Half shire, No. 2	1.00 to 1.20
Sheep skins, each	0.90 to 1.20
Horse hides, each	1.50 to 2.00
Hides, No. 1, per lb.	12.50 to 0.30
Hides, No. 2, per lb.	0.75 to 0.90

Grain Market.

Barley, per bush.	0.70 to 0.75
Wheat, white, bush	0.90 to 0.95
Do, red, bush	0.85 to 0.90
Oats, bush	0.32 to 0.35
Peas, bush	0.20 to 0.25
Rye, bush	0.20 to 0.25
Buckwheat, bush	0.70 to 0.75

Hay and Wood.

Straw, per ton	11.00 to 12.00
Hay, per ton	12.00 to 13.00
Wood, cord	7.00 to 8.00

Toronto Markets.

The receipts of grain to-day were fair. Wheat was easier, there being sales of 100 bushels of fall at 97 to 98, and of 100 bushels of goose at 95c. Barley weaker, 500 bushels selling at 70 to 72c. Oats unchanged, with sales of 300 bushels at 55 to 56c.

Hay in fair supply, with prices easy; 30 loads sold at \$18 to \$20 a ton. One load of straw sold at \$15 a ton.

Dressed hogs are easier at \$7.50 for light, and at \$7.25 for heavy.

Wheat, white, bushel	0.97 to 0.98
Do, red, bushel	0.95 to 0.96
Do, spring, bushel	0.93 to 0.94
Do, goose, bushel	0.73 to 0.74
Oats, bushel	0.33 to 0.34
Barley, bushel	0.70 to 0.72
Rye, bushel	0.84 to 0.85
Peas, per bushel	0.88 to 0.89
Hay, timothy, ton	18.00 to 20.00
Do, clover, ton	11.00 to 12.00
Straw, per ton	11.50 to 12.00
Seeds, Alsike, No. 1, bu.	8.25 to 8.50
Do, No. 2	7.50 to 8.00
Do, red clover	10.00 to 10.25
Dressed hogs	7.25 to 7.50
Eggs, new laid, dozen	0.25 to 0.30
Do, storage	0.23 to 0.28
Butter, dairy	0.23 to 0.28
Do, creamery	0.30 to 0.32
Geese, dressed, lb.	0.10 to 0.11
Ducks, dressed, lb.	0.11 to 0.13
Furkeys, per lb.	0.16 to 0.18
Apples, per bush.	3.00 to 3.50
Potatoes, per bag	0.90 to 1.00
Cabbage, per dozen	0.40 to 0.50
Onions, per bag	1.00 to 1.25
Beef, hindquarters	8.50 to 10.00
Do, forequarters	3.50 to 6.50
Do, choice, carcass	8.00 to 8.50
Do, medium, carcass	6.25 to 7.00
Mutton, per cwt.	8.00 to 9.00
Veal, prime, per cwt.	9.00 to 11.00
Lamb, per cwt.	10.00 to 12.00

Farm Produce, Wholesale.

The prices quoted below are for first-class quality; lower grades are bought at correspondingly lower quotations.

Hay, car lots, ton	16.00 to 18.00
Potatoes, car lots, bags	0.80 to 0.90
Evaporated apples, lb.	0.09 to 0.09 1/2
Turkeys, dressed	0.13 to 0.14
Geese, dressed	0.09 to 0.10
Ducks, dressed	0.11 to 0.12
Chickens, dressed	0.12 to 0.14
Old fowl, dressed	0.08 to 0.09
Butter, dairy, lb. rolls	0.25 to 0.26
Butter, tubs	0.23 to 0.24
Butter, creamery, lb.	0.25 to 0.30
Cheese, twin, lb.	0.12 1/2
Honey, extracted, lb.	0.13 to 0.13 1/2
Eggs, new-laid, dozen	0.20 to 0.25
Eggs, cold storage, doz	0.21 to 0.22
Cheese, large, lb.	0.13 1/2

Live Poultry, Wholesale.

Turkeys, young	\$0.14
Turkeys, old	0.12
Geese, per lb.	0.10
Ducks, per lb.	0.11
Chickens, fancy, large	0.11
Chickens, medium	0.09
Fowl	0.09
Squabs, per dozen	2.00 to 3.00

Seeds.

Following are the prices paid at outside points: Alsike, No. 1, \$8.50; fancy lots, a little higher; No. 2, \$8.25 to \$8.50; No. 3, \$8.75 to \$9.00. Samples mixed with timothy, trefoil or wheat, 3c to 5c per lb.

Red Clover—Firm: No. 1 cleaned, \$10.25 to \$10.50; ordinary lots, mixed with seeds, from \$7.50 to \$9.50, according to quality.

Wool.

Quotations are nominal at: Washed wools, 19 1/2c to 20c; unwashed wools, 10c, and rejects, 14 1/2c to 15c.

Hides, Tallow, Etc.

Ruling prices are: Selected steers and cows, No. 1, 5c; No. 2, 4c; No. 3, 3c; do, country hides, 4c to 4 1/2c; calfskins, 7c to 8c; veal skins, 6c; lambskins, 4c to 5c; horsehair, No. 1, \$2.10; No. 2, \$1.10; horse hair—2c to 2 1/2c.

Tallow, Etc.

Sugar Market.

St. Lawrence sugars are quoted as follows: Granulated, \$1.50 in barrels, and

GETTING AT FACTS IN REGARD TO POWER

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ried their recommendation for the appointment of an expert had Chairman Sweeney remained firm, but he did not, and the motion was lost on a vote of four to three.

Engineer Sweeney informed the aldermen that if Toronto stayed out of the scheme it would make no difference to Hamilton or Western Ontario. If it remained in it would probably mean that power would be a little cheaper for all the municipalities. Some of the aldermen wanted to know if Hamilton would have to pay any more for power if Toronto stayed out. Mr. Sweeney said the price here would never exceed \$12.50. If Toronto stayed in the inter-switching station would be the best, and Hamilton could switch from one to another transmission line in case of a breakdown.

The transmission lines, the engineer explained, would be built along the highways, so that they could be easily patrolled.

"How soon can we get power here?" asked the chairman.

"It is a question to be settled when the contracts are signed," replied Mr. Sweeney.

Ald. Sweeney argued that the city would not want to make the plunge until it knew when it could get power and just where it stood.

"How long would it likely take to build to Hamilton?" he inquired.

"If we could have the time we might do it a year, but if forced to we might do it sooner," answered the engineer.

"Then the contracts would have to be signed first?"

Mr. Sweeney admitted they would. Ald. McLaren thought it would be a case of several of the municipalities signing simultaneously. He said he could never understand why Hamilton was charged \$7.10 to carry power here and Toronto only 60 cents to carry it an equal distance. Mr. Sweeney said this was not a real factor because the Toronto estimates had been prepared, first, and the would no doubt be a difference in the figures now. It was estimated that it would cost \$1,000,000 for the copper wire and equipment necessary to build to Toronto, and in addition there would 1,150 towers, costing about \$200 each. It cost about \$2 a horse power stopping the power down, and a transforming station for two thousand horse power would cost as much as one for fifteen.

Ald. McLaren declared that he had never seen anything in the proposition before the Board of Works last year about \$50,000 providing for the lighting of municipal buildings and equipment to carry power to the asylum. The Mayor argued that there was no doubt about this being in the statement. Engineer Sweeney decided the debate in favor of Ald. McLaren. The money, he said, was to provide for enlarging the dust system sufficiently to provide for the future.

Mr. Sweeney said nothing was included in the fixed charges in his estimates for wages. Replying to questions from Ald. Allan, he explained that \$1,800 was in wages for three lamp trimmers. The lamps needed trimming only once every fourteen days, while the present lights have to be trimmed every day, so that they would have some spare time to make repairs.

The estimates, the engineer, assured Ald. McLaren, were absolutely correct. He had figured on asphalt pavements on all the streets, while many of them are ordinary macadam, so as to make sure that he would not be underestimating the cost.

"Would you construct the line yourself for the amount?" asked Chairman Sweeney.

"I would sign a contract in the morning to do it for \$200,000, and would have enough left to take a trip around the world," was the reply.

It developed then that Mr. Sweeney was not solely a Government employee. He is a consulting engineer and does work for anybody. He installed a plant at Toronto for the Robert Simpson Company, and if anyone doubts his having experience the doubt must have vanished when his credentials were read. He had installed plants in Johannesburg, South Africa; in many places in Germany; been chief superintendent, general manager, director, and filled many other positions. "I tell you the estimates I have given you are 25 per cent. too high," he declared.

Chairman Sweeney said the Engineer had informed him that it would take from four to five months to prepare specifications and nine months to build the plant. The Mayor thought he was mistaken, and that it would only take a month or so. Mr. Sweeney, however, stuck by what the chairman said.

Mr. Sweeney informed Ald. McLaren that, roughly speaking, it would cost \$2,000,000 to build the plant.

Ald. Clark wanted to know if the Government could expropriate other power for use in the meantime. Mr. Sweeney doubted it. It was explained that if Hamilton latched on to Hydro power first before the other municipalities signed their contracts it would be liable for 6,000 horse-power.

On the suggestion of Ald. McLaren, seconded by Ald. Clark, the secretary was instructed to the great President Fryer of the Western Ontario Power Union, urging that Hamilton be advised at once when the different municipalities were ready to proceed, and suggesting a meeting of all those concerned to discuss the matter.

Ald. McLaren then took up the question of an engineer to prepare estimates. This would be necessary in any event, he said, and declared he would not sign a power contract until the information sought was forthcoming. Ald. Allan seconded a motion to have an expert appointed to prepare the specifications.

"There is no use carrying that resolution, for there is no money for it," protested the Mayor.

"Where did the Fire and Water Committee get money for it?" asked Ald. Jutten.

"They can go before the Railway Board and get funds, and you cannot," argued the Mayor.

Ald. Allan, Jutten and McLaren voted in favor of the motion, and the Mayor, Ald. Gardner, Bailey and Clark against it.

A Boy Burglar.

London, Jan. 13.—A little boy named Frank Skinner, thirteen years of age, was charged with burglary in Birmingham Children's Court, yesterday, and evidence was given by the police that he was wanted on no fewer than fifteen charges. Among the charges against the boy was one of breaking into a house at Christmas and stealing a suit of clothes which he pawned under a false name. The boy's father said his son had always had a good home and plenty to eat.

The boy was sent to Bedford Reformatory School for five years.

The milliner may be pardoned for talking under her hat.

NET OVERDRAFT OF \$42,000 FOR 1907.

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large part of this is accounted for, however, the officials explain, by the unlooked for expenditure, such as the King and Main street paving work. The Hospital Board is next, with an overdraft of \$7,433.32. The waterworks expense account is overdrawn \$7,380.40, and the construction account nearly the same, or \$7,215.97. The Board of Health is next in line with an overdraft of \$4,654.46. An overdraft of \$2,265.68 is shown in the Separate School account. This was the sum ordered handed over to the board by the Finance Committee, following the arbitration by Judge Snider. As will be

seen by the statement, various other departments had overdrafts ranging up to \$1,800.

The surplus receipts of \$22,207.98, which reduced the overdraft from \$55,273.26 to \$32,965.28, were largely made up of \$14,800 of a surplus in waterworks receipts; \$7,622 more than the city had counted on receiving from the Hamilton Street Railway; a surplus of \$3,482.21 in the police department, and \$3,935.92 in City Hospital receipts.

The City Treasurer's statement in full showing the city's financial standing for the year follows:

Revenue 1907.	Estimated.	Actual.
Police department	\$ 4,285 00	\$ 7,767 21
Markets	12,500 00	12,699 19
Hospitals	28,000 00	31,935 92
House of Refuge	3,500 00	3,323 54
Cemetery	14,500 00	15,229 41
Dog taxes	4,500 00	4,672 54
Sewer rents	35,500 00	35,691 08
Water rates	235,306 31	250,100 35
Rents, real estate	1,600 00	1,520 00
Hamilton Street Railway Co.	32,737 23	40,359 86
Registry office	4,700 00	4,715 68
Jail	2,000 00	2,283 00
Bell Telephone Co.	2,900 00	2,900 00
General taxes	668,340 63	663,907 97
Local improvement rates	54,700 00	51,220 37
Sundries	1,800 00	1,356 82
Supplementary	—	4,400 00
Ontario Pipe Line Co.	6,683 28	6,683 28
Hamilton Street Railway Co.	743 46	743 46
Council orders	10,000 00	10,000 00
Mountain drainage, special debenture	2,000 00	2,000 00
Main street sewer, special debenture	6,500 00	6,500 00
Board of Works, special debenture	2,409 66	2,409 66
Roadway improvement by-law	6,200 00	6,200 00
Waterworks construction debenture	—	166 28
Snow clearing	—	216 59
Weed cutting	—	—
Balance, surplus	\$1,204,005 57	\$1,227,273 55
	23,267 98	—
	\$1,227,273 55	\$1,227,273 55

Expenditure, 1907.	Estimated.	Actual.
Adm. Criminal Justice	\$ 9,500 00	\$ 9,768 00
Board of Health	17,000 00	21,654 46
Board of Works	73,133 28	95,998 55
Cemetery	14,500 00	14,827 49
City Hall	5,000 00	5,045 08
Charity	8,000 00	9,369 49
Contingencies, \$10,200	100 00	—
Loss applied, \$16,100	2,500 00	1,984 08
Damage claims	55,500 00	54,415 12
Fire Department	40,000 00	38,103 04
General salaries	6,000 00	7,738 69
Gen. sewer construction	32,000 00	61,743 92
Hospital	11,000 00	11,147 54
House of Refuge	1,000 00	884 91
Interest general	8,000 00	7,092 95
Markets	5,700 00	5,636 39
Jail	5,800 00	6,055 39
Miscellaneous	28,330 69	24,732 64
Police Department	74,585 27	74,495 65
Printing and advertising	12,000 00	2,800 73
Sewage disposal	18,000 00	18,207 30
Street lighting	39,000 00	40,031 08
Waterworks expense	50,500 00	57,880 43
Waterworks construction	62,000 00	69,215 97
Weigh scales	3,700 00	3,572 13
Mountain drain	10,000 00	10,065 86
Main street sewer	2,000 00	121 40
Roadway Improvement by-law	2,409 66	4,243 47
Street watering	17,300 31	17,068 22
City Yard	6,000 00	6,928 86
Board of Education	183,500 00	183,500 00
Separate Schools	12,534	14,799 68
Barren Township	3,306 63	3,306 63
Parks Board	16,000 00	16,000 00
Library Board	16,000 00	16,000 00
Local Imp. Debt. and int.	97,700 00	96,592 93
General debentures, int. and sgs.	242,700 00	246,373 14
Discount acct., shortage spec. deb.	—	9,984 05
Burlington Beach	—	172 50
Snow clearing	—	179 29
Weed cutting	—	82 03
	\$1,204,005 57	—
Balance, overexpended	—	65,273 26
Overexpended	\$1,269,278 83	\$1,269,278 83
Less surplus receipts	65,273 26	—
Overdraft	—	23,267 98
	—	42,005 28

	\$1,227,273 55	\$1,227,273 55
Expenditure, 1907.	Estimated.	Actual.
Adm. Criminal Justice	\$ 9,500 00	\$ 9,768 00
Board of Health	17,000 00	21,654 46